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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Fischer et al.

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN
COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE
OR MORTALITY

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: P. Huynh

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005.

It is not believed that any fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is also hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants authorize that any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

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